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Bulls in the Chicago Wheat Pit Go After Big Game.

PARDIGLE CAUGHT BY THE CLIQUE

HIS LOSSES ESTIMATED TO EXCEED ONE MILLION DOLLARS.—New Plan by Which a Combination Can Easily Manipulate a Corner.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 11.—The bull clique in the wheat market were after big game today and they bagged some of it. The Chicago plunger, Edward Pardigle, was caught in the trap. Pardigle and his crew were successful in manipulating the market to the tune of one million dollars. Pardigle was found too slow to respond to calls for margin, when brokers with whom he had deals showered upon him, and for awhile the brokers bought in a lot of Pardigle's wheat in the pit.

The scene in the pit was very wild while the brokers were buying in the big plunger's wheat. Meanwhile Pardigle was not alone. John Culbly is the only sensible broker in the clique and it was he who was instrumental in getting the brokers to buy. He was accorded a settlement from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 lbs. of May wheat; it is said, at 87¢ per bu., which settlement, it is thought, leaves Pardigle poorer man by about \$750,000 than he was before.

Nobody had any May wheat for sale excepting the clique. The general confined its attention to July, and sawed the market for the delivery up and down along the line. The grain dealers, who had made the private settlement, the manipulators, let the clique do it. Pardigle is understood to be still short of enough to lose him another \$1,000,000 besides his losses of today.

For one it is said, Pardigle was a very much rattled individual. He had sold his two or the other of the boys was at his elbow every minute of the exciting scenes of the session. The brokers who had been buying in the pit, left off the floor of the exchange, but the financial exigencies of the occasion made frequent trips to the banks in the vicinity of the exchange.

In this connection a report became current this afternoon bearing on the intentions of the clique and the other brokers. It is to the effect that the Cudahays have been making arrangements with commission and elevator houses to get out of the market. They are to trade to take the trades on their books direct and let them out of the gap. That is to say, if the northwestern principals who have the full difference, the commission firm through which they do their trading will be held for the loss.

The effect of this policy would be to convert a very powerful element on the Board of Trade into a state of operation with a light hand to the market, and to bring in a new condition of calm. Inference. There has been no kicking from northwestern commission houses lately, and there is no protest from the quarter against the ruffianism policy and the wickedness of rumors.

Trade—Steady, but good. The market firm Pecking Stock, 1757½c; fair to good country wheat, No. 2 spring, 73½c; No. 2 hard, 75c; No. 3 hard, 85c.

RYE, No. 2, 50c; No. 2 white, 31½c; bid: No. 3 white, 30c.

OATS—No. 2, cash or April, 37½c; bid: No. 3 or better, cash or April, 37½c.

COPPER—Quiet, lake \$1.40.

LEAD—Steady; domestic \$4.25c.

TIN—Strong; straits, \$2.20; plates, steady.

SILVER—Quiet, steady; city \$2 per pkgs. 3c.

COTTONSEED OIL—About steady; crude, 41c.

PETROLEUM.—The market opened higher yesterday, but the price of kerosene was practically at a standstill. Pennsylvania sales were none; May opened 69¢c; closed 69¢c; June, 70¢c; July, 71¢c; Aug., 72¢c.

WOOD—Quiet; domestic, 2.62½c; mixed, western, 2.62½c.

TAILOR—Quiet, steady; city \$2 per pkgs. 3c.

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COAL—Fairly steady; western, fresh, 10c more; coke, 15c.

STEEL—Fair, demand unsettled; western, 10c more; coke, 15c.

IRON—Fairly steady; western, 10c more; coke, 15c.

LEATHER—Fair, steady; leather, 10c more; leather, 15c.

WAX—Fair, steady; leather,